

**Listing and Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application and the International Preliminary Examination Report:

1. (currently amended) A television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ having an emergency alert function, comprising:

first tuning means ~~(23)~~ for tuning first signals including video signals when said television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ is in an on mode;

second tuning means ~~(25, 42)~~ for tuning second signals including emergency alert signals when said television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ is in said on mode and an off/standby mode; and

wherein said emergency alert function is activated if said emergency alert signals indicate an emergency event corresponding to a user selected geographical area and a user selected event type.

2. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 1, wherein said second tuning means ~~(42)~~ is included in a modem apparatus ~~(40)~~.

3. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 2, wherein said modem apparatus ~~(40)~~ is internal to said television signal receiver ~~(20)~~.

4. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 2, wherein said modem apparatus ~~(40)~~ is external to said television signal receiver ~~(20)~~.

5. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 4, wherein said modem apparatus ~~(40)~~ includes alert means ~~(47)~~ for providing an alert output when said emergency alert function is activated.

6. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 5, wherein said alert means ~~(47)~~ includes a visual output element ~~(47a)~~.

7. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 5, wherein said alert means ~~(47)~~ includes an aural output element ~~(47b)~~.

8. (currently amended) A method ~~(300)~~ for controlling a television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ having an emergency alert function, comprising:

enabling a first tuner ~~(23)~~ to tune first signals including video signals when said television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ is in an on mode;

enabling a second tuner ~~(25, 42)~~ to tune second signals including emergency alert signals when said television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ is in said on mode and an off/standby mode; and

wherein said emergency alert function is activated if said emergency alert signals indicate an emergency event corresponding to a user selected geographical area and a user selected event type.

9. (currently amended) The method ~~(300)~~ of claim 8, wherein said second tuner ~~(42)~~ is included in a modem apparatus ~~(40)~~.

10. (currently amended) The method ~~(300)~~ of claim 9, wherein said modem apparatus ~~(40)~~ is internal to said television signal receiver ~~(20)~~.

11. (currently amended) The method ~~(300)~~ of claim 9, wherein said modem apparatus ~~(40)~~ is external to said television signal receiver ~~(20)~~.

12. (currently amended) The method ~~(300)~~ of claim 11, further comprised of providing an alert output via an alert system ~~(47)~~ of said modem apparatus ~~(40)~~ when said emergency alert function is activated.

13. (currently amended) The method ~~(300)~~ of claim 12, wherein said alert output includes a visual output.

14. (currently amended) The method ~~(300)~~ of claim 12, wherein said alert output includes an aural output.

15. (currently amended) A modem apparatus ~~(40)~~ having an emergency alert function, comprising:

a modulator ~~(44)~~ operative to modulate upstream signals provided to a network;

a demodulator ~~(43)~~ operative to demodulate downstream signals provided from said network, said downstream signals including emergency alert signals capable of activating said emergency alert function;

an alert system ~~(47)~~ operative to provide an alert output when said emergency alert function is activated; and

wherein said emergency alert function is activated if said emergency alert signals indicate an emergency event corresponding to a user selected geographical area and a user selected event type.

16. (currently amended) The modem apparatus ~~(40)~~ of claim 15, wherein said alert system ~~(47)~~ includes a visual output element ~~(47a)~~.

17. (currently amended) The modem apparatus ~~(40)~~ of claim 15, wherein said alert system ~~(47)~~ includes an aural output element ~~(47b)~~.

18. (currently amended) The modem apparatus ~~(40)~~ of claim 15, wherein said network includes a cable network.

19. (currently amended) The modem apparatus ~~(40)~~ of claim 15, wherein said network includes a DSL network.

20. (currently amended) The modem apparatus ~~(40)~~ of claim 15, wherein: said modem apparatus ~~(40)~~ is operatively coupled to an external device ~~(20)~~; and

said external device ~~(20)~~ provides a second alert output when said emergency alert function is activated.

21. (currently amended) The modem apparatus of claim 20, wherein said external device includes a television signal receiver ~~(20)~~.

22. (previously amended) The modem apparatus of claim 20, wherein said external device includes a computer.